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IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Albuquerque Making Extensive Preparations in Order that it May be a Success.

Preparations for the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress are progressing very satisfactorily. The office of the congress on the first floor of the commercial club building in Albuquerque is a very busy place. Col. Hopewell, chairman, and Col. Twitchell, secretary of the board of control, aided by a corps of efficient clerks are engaged day and night in sending out all sorts of advertising literature to the various executive committeemen and others prominently identified with irrigation matters in the seventeen states and territories under the reclamation act. A great deal of correspondence is also being carried on with eastern manufacturing firms, farm journals and commercial organizations. A wide-spread interest in the great session of the congress is made evident by the great amount of correspondence with a number of foreign governments; notably Great Britain and Mexico. All of the correspondents living west of the Missouri river are interested in the Inter-State Industrial Exposition that will be held with the Congress and to be a part of and followed by the 28th Annual Territorial Fair. Letters are also being received from great manufacturing concerns desiring to give trophies for various kinds of exhibits at the Exposition.

The great railway companies whose lines traverse this Territory are manifesting great interest in the successful outcome of the Congress and are aiding New Mexico in every way to make this the greatest session of the congress yet held. We are assured that the very best rates possible will be made by the Transcontinental Passenger Association and the active co-operation of the great Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe System in advertising the Congress and Exposition has been assured by the executive officials of that company. The lowest of rates will be announced in due time. Special freight rates for exhibits will also be made, and the Denver and Rio Grande system will transport all exhibits over its lines in Colorado and New Mexico free of charge. The several passenger departments of the railway companies are taking the liveliest sort of interest in preparation for proper and extensive advertising of the Congress and all New Mexico communities which desire to take the fullest advantage of this sort of advertising should get their literature to the office of the board of control at the earliest possible day.

Already reservations for twenty-five thousand feet of space for exhibition purposes have been made for New Mexico communities, notably the Pecos and Mesilla Valley, Colfax county, Otero county, San Miguel county and other places, full reports as to which will be announced later.

The city of Albuquerque will build a Convention Hall for the

accommodation of the congress which will cost upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars and will be a permanent structure of magnificent dimensions and having a seating capacity of five thousand. There will be a steel truss roof without a pillar, to obstruct the view in the vast auditorium.

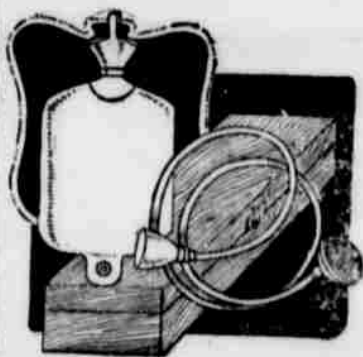
Accused of Complicity.

Deputy Sheriff Lucas, of Eddy county, and Deputy Sheriff O. Z. Finley, of this county, came in Saturday night from the hills between Picacho and Blackwater where they arrested Antonio Tarrin, a Mexican herder, who is accused of complicity in the theft of four hundred sheep. He will be taken to Carlsbad at once to await a hearing under indictment at the next term of court.

Tarrin is not accused of being the principal in the alleged steal. B. M. Mitchell, a white man, is under arrest at Carlsbad, charged with the theft and Antonio is only accused of helping to get away with the sheep. A sheep-breeder named Swigart, of Eddy

county, is the man claiming the loss.—Monday's Roswell Record.

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The above refers to the main witness, in the famous sheep stealing case of B. M. Mitchell the principal, who is now out on bail. The sheep herder Antonio is to be held only a witness, but will be liberated if he can furnish a bond. Gatewood & Armstrong will assist the territory in the prosecution while Bujac & Co. will conduct the defense. The case will probably be tried during the spring term of court.

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A Priest and his Sailor Boys.

A press dispatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad—the first stop of the American battleship fleet now bound for the port of San Francisco—says that the sailors who were allowed shore liberty behaved so well that the city officials commented on it. Every one declares the men of no other navy who have ever visited the place can boast of a good-con-

duct record equal to that of the Americans.

An explanation of the behavior of the men may be found in the fact that on the Sunday preceding the sailing of the fleet from Hampton Roads, Father Gleason, the chaplain of the flagship Connecticut, celebrated mass in the sailor's mess hall. Several hundred sailors were in attendance as well as a number of visitors. Father Gleason in his sermon spoke of the cruise and what it meant, reminded the men that when in foreign ports they were there as representatives of the United States, and appealed to them to conduct themselves as if they were conscious of their responsibility.

"Now please remember this," said the chaplain, "and those of you who are inclined to roistering and getting drunk, recollect that by what you do the people of the United States will be judged. I appeal to you not to reflect dishonor or discredit upon the United States or this service. Remember your responsibility, and if you see in port any of the crew under the influence of liq-

uor, look after him, stand by him, and see to it that he gets in no trouble and brings no disgrace upon us. Don't let him shift for himself, but give him a helping hand. And another thing, don't fall down with him."

Father Gleason is the chaplain of the Connecticut, which is Admiral Evans' flagship. He is one of the most popular chaplains in the navy. On several occasions he has displayed heroic conduct, notably on the occasion of an explosion in a turret of the Missouri, when several men were killed and when Father Gleason did such gallant rescue work as to be singled out for commendation in the report of the captain of the ship.

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STATEHOOD DROPPED

Assurance that a Bill Granting Single Statehood Will Be Allowed to Pass Next Session

Washington, Jan. 25.—A general rumor was in circulation about the senate end of the capitol today to the effect that what amounts to practically an assurance has been given to Governor Curry, National Committeeman Solomon Luna and other citizens of New Mexico who are now in Washington, that a bill granting statehood to New Mexico alone will be allowed to pass during the short session of the sixtieth congress.

This assurance, according to the rumor, is in return for the agreement of the people of New Mexico to let the statehood agitation drop for this session and until after the presidential election. It has been reported that something like 100 New Mexicans have been getting ready to make a trip to Washington to importune congress for a statehood bill this winter.

It is asserted that in return for the assurance given them, Governor Curry and Mr. Luna have agreed to recommend that the movement be held in check.

There have been several informal conferences between Senator Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, Speaker Cannon and leaders in the senate on the statehood matter. While it is stated that no definite assurance has been given the New Mexicans as to a statehood bill in the next session of congress, it is admitted that there has been a determination that no statehood legislation will take place at this session. The house committee on territories will begin hearings next Tuesday on the statehood bill, and members of the New Mexico Statehood League now in Washington will appear. Chairman Hamilton, however, has remarked that he "does not think these hearings will take up much time."

It is reported that Governor Curry has been informed by Speaker Cannon that, in the speaker's opinion, it would be unwise to press the statehood question too vigorously on the eve of a presidential campaign.

County Officer's Salaries.

The following from a correspondent of the Roswell Register-Tribune is so applicable and pertinent to the Artesia howlers for lower salaries, etc., that it is dedicated to them by this paper for what is said of the officials of Chaves county can be also said of those of Eddy County. But the statement that Chaves is the banner county of the territory may be taken with a grain of salt for Eddy county is by far the best county of the territory: The Potter, Register-Tribune:—

There are a few people in this city who seem to be afflicted with all of the ailments the human flesh is heir to, dyspepsia predominating. They very seldom have a good word for anything or anybody, and I was taught

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when quite young to always beware of those kind of people. They would lead the unwary to believe, from their prosaic belligerency, that nearly all the inhabitants of New Mexico are illiterate, unscrupulous and dishonest, and that they, alone, had been dispatched thither with a commission from on high to reform the wicked.

Anent their wailings and the assertions of others, to the effect that the emoluments of some of our county officials amount to as much as the salary of a United States senator, I will say that such is far from the truth; but granting that there is the least semblance of truth in the assertions, don't you think that it would display a higher sense of honor and intelligence to charge the members of the legislature who make our laws, with dereliction, rather than cast aspersions at honorable men, who are performing their duties according to law.

If the laws of the territory allow county officials salaries and fees inadequate to existing conditions it appears to me that it is the duty of the qualified voters of New Mexico at the next election to elect members of both branches of the legislature who will see that there is a revision of that part of the statutes relating to the salaries and fees of those officials.

There is a vast difference in the wealth of the various counties of the territory; therefore, framing a law that will provide equitable compensation for the duties incumbent upon the officials of different counties is a difficult problem. Under the present law Chaves, being about the wealthiest county, provides better for her servants than some of the smaller counties on the north; but is it right that our worthy officials should be vilified and abused for simply taking what the law allows them? Any man who maintains that, if elected to any office within the gift of the people of Chaves, or any other county in New Mexico, he would not take what the law allows him in the way of salary or fees, is a liar and a hypocrite and should not be trusted in any manner.

I have known every official of Chaves county for years, and know them individually and collectively, to be upright, conscientious, honorable and capable men. That's why they were elected to office and that is why Chaves is the banner county of the territory.

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